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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Charles P. Tresser

GROUP 3600

Serial No.: 09/578,474

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMERCE WITH FULL ANONYMITY

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) A method of conducting business electronically between a first party and a second
2 party, comprising:
3 providing an intermediary relationship with a third party who knows an identity of the
4 first party but no privacy-compromising information regarding a proposed electronic business
5 transaction between the first and second parties; and
6 conducting the electronic business transaction between said first and second parties
7 through the third party such that said identity of said first party is kept from the second party,
8 wherein said second party is provided with information identifying said first party only as
9 a transactional party in said electronic business transaction, and
10 wherein said providing an intermediary relationship by said third party comprises
11 replacing an identification data about said first party with an identifier whose linkage to said